

## BEES MAKE FRUIT GROW.

Honey the Least of the Profits from Busy Insects.

Honey producing is only one of the missions of the bee. Indeed, for actual profit, the honey is but a minor item. Some years ago I moved to a small place up the Hudson river. I wanted a bee farm and selected for that purpose a spot among apple, cherry and plum trees, some of which had never borne fruit, for years past. My landlord told me I might cut down certain trees, as they were worthless, and he intended putting out some fine nursery stock.

Being busy I did not cut the trees down. They blossomed freely and of course we paid no further heed to them than to break blossoms by the armful when we wanted floral decorations.

The cherry trees were much to the owner's astonishment, loaded with very large, perfect fruit. He could not understand it; such a thing had not happened for years.

Early in the autumn while waiting for a swarm of bees to settle I observed a number of fine apples upon one of the smaller condemned trees. When the landlord's attention was called to them he was completely mystified and called in his neighbors to see the wonder.

Later we gathered from this tree

nearly a barrel of the finest fall pippins ever seen in that vicinity.

No argument would convince the man that "them pesky bees" had anything to do with the yield of fruit on the place. He insisted that some sort of fertilizer must have been used.

Since that time I have demonstrated by scores of experiments that trees which had for many seasons borne little good fruit, or possibly none at all, have been brought up to a high standard of productiveness by the presence of bees. They carried the pollen, fertilized the blossoms and a bountiful harvest was the result.

Regardless of the honey crop, every fruit grower should have a few colonies of bees. If when the bloom season is past there is so little nectar in midseason flowers that the bees must be fed it is a decided economy to feed them, as in cases where a strict account has been kept the cash value of orchard products alone has been doubled by their assistance.—Suburban Life.

## He'd Failed So Often.

"Mr. Timmud has asked if he might call to-night. I think he wants to tell me that he loves me," said Miss Yerner.

"Oh," replied her sister, "that goes without saying."

"Yes, and I'm afraid that he will, too."

## TURKEY OUR NOBLEST BIRD.

Crossing with the Wild Species to Improve Market Product.

The most notable American bird in the farm category is the turkey, growing as he does to the great weight of 30 and even 40 pounds, and losing nothing in flavor and toothsome.

Likewise, the most regal of our remaining game birds is his blood brother, the wild turkey, from which he has descended.

There is perhaps no instance where domestication has scored so little in improvement as with the turkey. In fact, in some respects the taming and breeding have hurt instead of helped the species.

No prize domestic gobbler is ever so beautifully marked or so resplendent with feathers of black shaded with rich bronze and illuminated with a lustrous finish of burnished copper as is the typical wild turkey, while the vigor and vitality of the wild bird is such that to this day we strengthen the most virile of our bronze turkeys by an infusion of the wild blood.

Rhode Island stands for the best in turkey production. The last census shows less than 7,000,000 turkeys in the United States and only about 5,000 produced annually in Rhode Island, yet, according to a turkey expert, if all the turkeys of the country were of such good quality as

rhode island's, their total value would be doubled.

According to the department of agriculture, the growing of turkeys has greatly improved during the last few years as a result of a determined effort on the part of producers of "standard bred" stock to demonstrate that it is much more profitable to use pure breeding stock than the smaller and less vigorous stock of times past.

The wild turkey is also being used to instill further new vigorous blood into the bronze flocks. Inbreeding is the fatal defect among the practice of many turkey growers.

The fact that turkeys will from the time that they are six weeks old until winter gain the greater part of their entire living from bugs, insects, grasshoppers and waste grain assures their existence during this period at little or no cost to the grower where there is a sufficient range for the birds.

## The "New" Girl.

There is a sense of honor, of straightforward truthfulness, a lack of false prudery, among the generation of girls growing up to-day that I think outdoor life and the consequent knowledge of boys' and girls' code may be credited with, and because of this, if I were 16 again or rather 16 to-day, instead of ten years ago, I would not wish myself a boy, as I did upon occasion then.—Delineator.

## TOO MUCH FOR NEWBRIDE.

Henry's Mental Powers Collapsed When Put to the Test.

"Henry, dear," said Mrs. Newbride to her husband the other morning, "I wish, if you won't be too much trouble, dear, that you'd bring me home a yard of orange ribbon this evening."

"I don't want it so very wide or so very narrow; something between an inch and an inch and a half, or at most an inch and three-quarters, will be about right."

"Be sure and get a pretty shade of orange, dear; and I'd prefer it with one side satin and the other grosgrain, although all satin or all grosgrain will do; but I think you can easily get the other if you look about a little; and be sure, dear, not to get pleated edged ribbon, but one with just a plain corded edge; and don't get a remnant; and don't get any shade but orange; not a real vivid orange, either, but a piece that will look well with pale green; and don't pay too much for it; and don't get red, or blue, or green, or pink by mistake. You won't forget, will you, dear? I must have the ribbon to-night."

Was it any wonder that when the dazed Henry came home he brought three yards of sky blue watered ribbon, or that, when his wife saw it, she sank into a chair and gasped out:

"Why—Henry—Newbride!" — The Bits.

## ADVICE FROM MADAME MERRI.

Hints for Entertainments and Other Social Matters.

Flowers for an October Wedding. Will you kindly inform me what flowers are appropriate for an October wedding, for the bride, maid of honor and bridesmaid? MAXINE.

Asters are generally in their prime at this season and are exceedingly pretty made into shower bouquets. Their lasting qualities also commend them for use at weddings. Late in the month chrysanthemums are in bloom, though strictly speaking they are the November flower. A bride may always choose her own favorite flower for her bridal bouquet, thus making it individual. Of late white violets have been very popular.

Refreshments for a Home Wedding. At a home wedding, just relatives of the bride and groom being present, what is proper to serve? Is it necessary to have the guests seated at tables or can the luncheon be served by waiters from one table, the guests being seated about the room? M. A. H.

Serve the refreshments from one large table in the dining-room, the guests being seated around the room if this is the most convenient. You speak of a luncheon. If the ceremony is performed before or at noon, the refreshments are termed a breakfast; if after that hour, the word refreshments is used, except if the hour is six or seven, when a regular dinner is served, but this is most unusual. Seating the guests at small tables is proper and very nice, but it requires more work and more waiters.

Proper Attire for a Bridegroom. I am in doubt as to the proper apparel for the bridegroom at a morning (church) wedding. Would a Prince Albert and gray trousers be proper? If not, kindly state what he ought to wear. BETSEY.

A Prince Albert coat, gray trousers, white or light fancy waistcoat, patent leather shoes, four-in-hand tie, light in color, and silk hat completes the correct attire for a groom at a morning church wedding.

Order of Bridal Procession. Will you please tell me in what order the bridal party should enter the room at a home wedding? The party consisting of three ushers, three maids, and two little flower girls. J. A. P.

First the minister, groom and his best man enter and await the bride at the altar. In this case there being three ushers, they should each escort a bridesmaid, then the flower girls followed by the bride alone, or accompanied by the person who is to give her in marriage.

Care of Piano. Would you please tell me what is best to dust a piano with, so as not to scratch it in anyway, and also what can be done to always keep the fine polish from getting dull looking; also how to keep the keys nice and white? M. A. H.

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Beyond the mouth of Appomattox River is City Point, headquarters of General Butler and later of General Grant in his operations around Petersburg.

Then comes Berkley, birth place of President William Henry Harrison, the victor of Tippecanoe. Berkley is better known to old Soldiers as Harrison's Landing, which was long the headquarters of Gen. McClellan after his retreat from Malvern Hill.

These are only a few of the many places of interest to be seen in a daylight trip down this most famous and historic American river, and any one visiting the Exposition without taking a look at these interesting sights has missed the greatest treat of the entire trip—a view of the very grounds on which our forefathers fought to build and preserve a mighty Nation.

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